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USING IONIZATION  
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Customer No.: 27623 Attorney Docket No.: 0001877USU/2215

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

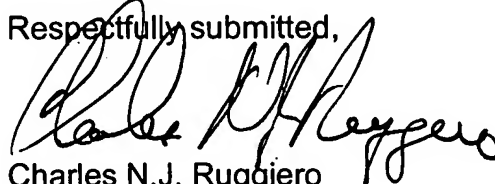
We are also enclosing copies of the publications listed on the attached PTO-1449. Japan Patent Application Kokai Publication No. 2001-70743; and Japan Patent Application Kokai Publication No.: 9-248417.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

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Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

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## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	3,154,682	10/27/1964	Hartz, et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	2001-70743	3/21/2001	Japan				X
	9-248417	9/9/1997	Japan				X

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Japan Official Action dated April 21, 2005.

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